

Closing remarks of the President of the Executive Board
H.E. Ambassador Ivana Pajević, Deputy Permanent Representative of
Montenegro to the UN
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- Thank you, Deputy Executive Director Mr. Glemarec for your closing remarks for the Second Regular Session of 2018 UN Women Executive Board. I would also like to thank you for your excellent leadership of UN Women; it was a real pleasure working with you.
- It is my honour to deliver a few closing remarks for the last official session of this Board. I would like to thank all of you for active participation. Today and yesterday we heard inspiring presentations, discussions and comments that gave us new perspectives to the work, priorities and opportunities for UN Women.
- I am particularly impressed with openness of UN Women has listened to discuss with member states the Structured Dialogue on Financing and preliminary analysis on implications of the resolution 72/279. Many speakers pointed out the UN-Women's proactive approach in the process of reform of the UN system. UN-Women has defined concrete steps for moving forward with the reform process. We heard and we know that the UN-Women has a strategic position to ensure that gender equality is a key component in the reform.
- We have heard a valuable presentation on the UN Women's work in Afghanistan as well as reports of joint field visit of Executive Boards to Uganda and field visit of UN Women Executive Board to Malawi. These presentations gave us evidence as well as encouragement and inspiration to support all the efforts done at the country level to improve the situation of women and girls.
- The UN-Women's triple mandate remains as crucial as ever - its progress in normative action, as well as in coordination of the UN system on gender equality and in operational activities.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- I would like to express my particular gratitude to the Executive Director, Madam Ngcuka and her Deputies Madame Regner and Mr Glemarec for their leadership, their engagement and frank interaction with us during this session. I would like to acknowledge their availability to participate at Bureau meetings throughout the year. It is essential to recognize that a committed and competent staff carries out UN Women remarkable work. I would like to express my appreciation for their dedicated efforts both here at headquarters and in the field.
- Let me also thank the Secretary of the Executive Board Jean-Luc and his efficient team Weiting, Jan and Shirin for their support. I would also like to thank the interpreters and UN conference staff and services, for making this Second Regular session of the UN Women Executive Board run so smoothly.
- My special thanks go to the Vice-Presidents Christine Kalamwina, Desiree Cedeño, LEE Jooil and Jyrki Terva for their work and support and all the members and observers of the Executive Board for thoughtful engagement and constructive participation, which helped make this session a success.
- Serving as UN Women Executive Board President has been a great pleasure and valuable experience. I look forward to working closely with all of you even after my Presidency of the UN Women Executive Board. As stated in my opening remarks you can count on one strong advocate and positive voice for UN-Women. I am convinced that that Executive Board will continue to give its full support to the important work of UN Women - to pursue gender equality agenda, streamline and coordinate gender equality and women's rights throughout the UN System, and use the potential of all women and girls around the world.